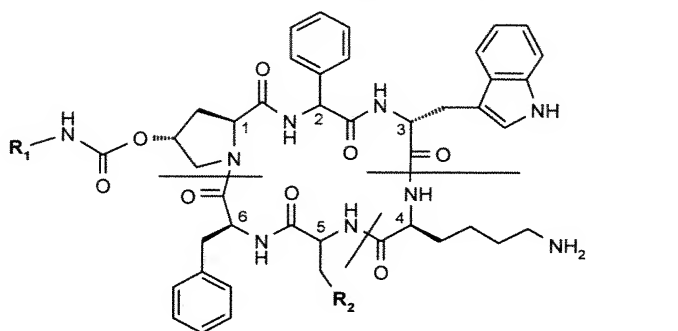


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

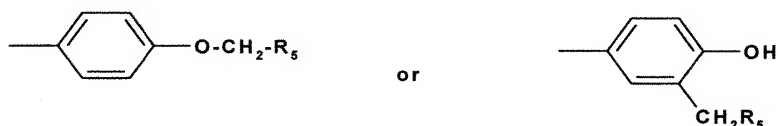
1. (currently amended): A process for producing a compound of formula I



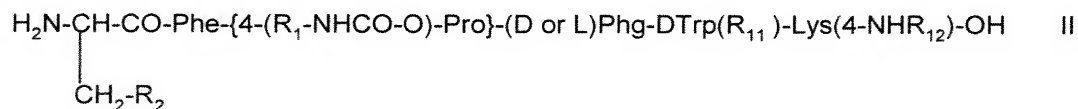
wherein

R₁ is -C₂₋₆alkylene-NR₃R₄, -C₂₋₆alkylene-guanidine or -C₂₋₆alkylene-COOH wherein each of R₃ and R₄ independently is H, C₁₋₄alkyl, ω-hydroxy-C₂₋₄alkylene or acyl or R₃ and R₄ form together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached a heterocyclic group which may comprise a further heteroatom, and

R₂ is Z₁-CH₂-R₅, -CH₂-CO-O-CH₂-R₅,



wherein Z₁ is O or S and R₅ is optionally substituted phenyl,
or a salt thereof,
comprising cyclizing a linear somatostatin analogue of formula II



with a cyclizing agent selected from O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-N,N,N',N'-tetramethyluronium-hexafluorophosphate and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole,

wherein R₁ and R₂ are as defined above,

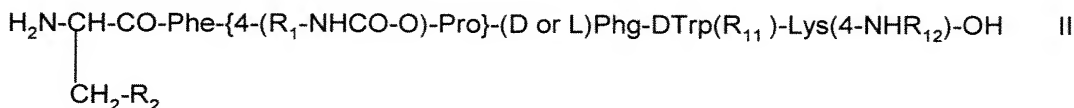
each of R₁₁ and R₁₂, independently, is an amino protecting group

whereby when R₁ comprises a terminal NH₂, this terminal NH₂ is also protected by an amino protecting group,

and where required removing the protecting group(s),

and recovering a compound of formula I thus obtained in free form or in salt form.

2. (original): A process according to claim 1 comprising cyclizing a linear somatostatin analogue of formula II



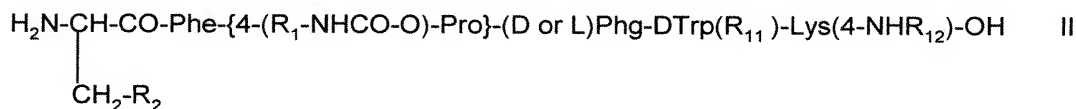
wherein R₁ is -CH₂-CH₂-NR₃R₄, R₂ is 4-benzyloxy-phenyl, and R₃, R₄, R₁₁ and R₁₂ are as defined in claim 1,

whereby when R₁ comprises a terminal NH₂, this terminal NH₂ is also protected by an amino protecting group,

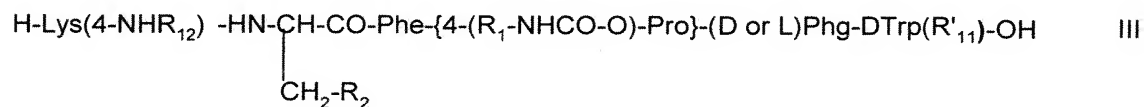
and where required removing the protecting group(s),

and recovering a compound of formula I thus obtained in free form or in salt form wherein R₁ is -CH₂-CH₂-NR₃R₄ and R₂ is 4-benzyloxy-phenyl.

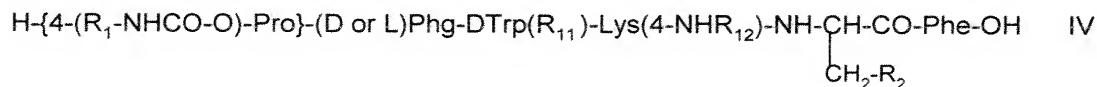
3. (withdrawn): A compound of formula II



or of formula III



or of formula IV



wherein R₁ and R₂ are as defined in claim 1,

each of R₁₁ and R₁₂, independently, is an amino protecting group

whereby when R₁ comprises a terminal NH₂, this terminal NH₂ may also be protected by an amino protecting group,

or a salt thereof.

4. (withdrawn): A compound of formula II according to claim 3 wherein R_1 is $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{NR}_3\text{R}_4$, R_2 is 4-benzyloxy-phenyl and each of R_{11} and R_{12} , independently, is an amino protecting group, whereby when R_1 comprises a terminal NH_2 , this terminal NH_2 may also be protected by an amino protecting group, or a salt thereof.

5. (withdrawn): A compound of formula II according to claim 3 which is selected from H-Tyr(Bzl)-Phe-(2S,4R)-4-(Boc-NH-CH₂-CH₂-NH-CO-O)-Pro-DPhg-DTrp(Boc)-Lys(Boc)-OH, H-Tyr(Bzl)-Phe-(2S,4R)-4-(Boc-NH-CH₂-CH₂-NH-CO-O)-Pro-Phg-DTrp-Lys(Boc)-OH and H-Tyr(Bzl)-Phe-(2S,4R)-4-(Boc-NH-CH₂-CH₂-NH-CO-O)-Pro-Phg-D-Trp(Boc)Lys(Boc)-OH or a salt thereof.

6. (withdrawn): A process for the production of a compound of formula II, III or IV as defined in claim 3, comprising linking together by an amide bond two peptide units, each of them containing at least one amino acid in protected or unprotected form, wherein the amide bond is in such a way that the desired amino acid sequence as defined in formula II, III or IV is obtained, and where required removing at least one protecting group, and recovering a compound of formula II, III or IV thus obtained in free form or in salt form.